

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED JUNE 21, 2007**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to an Office Action of June 21, 2007, to further highlight why the application is in condition for allowance.

Please amend the case as listed below.